IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Solid-state lasers employ a doped-insulator lasing medium, which may be a crystal or glass material. The input power source to the lasing medium is pumplight energy, which is optically coupled into the medium. Solid-state lasers can be configured as amplifier stages or as laser resonators. The resonator variety ~~being~~ are distinguished by the fact that they self-oscillate and do not require a laser beam input from another device. The pumplight energy in laser amplifiers and laser resonators (collectively "lasers") may be derived from high power light emitting diode arrays, other lasers, or other sources that are known to those skilled in the art. Pumplight energy is used to raise the energy level of dopant ions within the lasing medium. A lasing action occurs when the ionic energy returns to it base state, and, in doing so, releases light energy at the laser beam wavelength.